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Harry Reitze Named Chief of Police in City of Falls Church

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – City of Falls Church City Manager Wyatt Shields today announced the appointment of Harry Reitze as Chief of Police, effective Wednesday, May 9, 2007. Reitze began serving as Acting Chief of Police Dec. 1, 2006, upon the retirement of former Chief Robert Murray.

“It is a pleasure to appoint an outstanding veteran in the Falls Church Police Department to lead that department,” said Shields. “Harry has provided solid leadership over the past several months as Acting Chief, and moved important public safety initiatives forward, including a renewed emphasis on highly visible community-oriented policing. I look forward to working with him, and seeing these positive efforts gather momentum.”

Reitze joined the City in July 1975 as a patrol officer and progressively worked his way through the ranks to obtain the position of Captain in July 1998, overseeing the Department’s Services and Operations Divisions. In February 2004, Reitze was reclassified as Captain and Commander of the Special Operations Division, managing emergency preparedness and security operations for the City.

“It has been an honor and a wonderful experience to serve the City of Falls Church for nearly 32 years. With the help and dedication of the extraordinary men and women of our Police Department, I will do my best to provide a safe, secure, and friendly environment for everyone in our community,” said Reitze.

In addition to his diverse experience within the City of Falls Church Police Department, Reitze has received more than 2,200 hours of law enforcement training and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation’s Professional Executive Leadership School. He currently serves as president of the alumni association of the Professional Executive Leadership School and is assisting the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation with the establishment of the Professional Executive Leadership School II.

Before coming to Falls Church, Reitze worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Note: A photo of Chief Harry Reitze is attached. Photo Credit: City of Falls Church.

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